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There are many wonders within our great ational reservation that have nover been noticed by the numerous guide books, and there are just as many more outside of the border line and in the neighborhood which should have been included when the park was created. The mistake was in not making it twice the size, for the whole country roundabout is one region of continuous wonders, such as no other portion of the known or unknown world can boast of. The Cinnabar mountains, the Devil's Slide, the beautiful valley of the Stinking Water, the Teton Basin, just across the Continental divide, and last, but not least Henry's lake over in last, but not least, Henry's lake, over in Idaho—these and the other marvels close by, when taken as a whole, and leaving out all that is not included in the park proper, com bine a region of stupendous and startling wonders, fully equal, if not actually superior, to all that is contained in the 3,575 square miles of the park.

The Cinnabar mountains are full of petri-

factions of every kind, and the fossils scattered all through the canyons and gorges and on the peaks are numerous and varied enough to supply all the museums in the country for ages to come. On the summits of these huge piles are undoubted evidences of the glacial period. Glaciers exist even now in the Wind river and Teton ranges, much below 12,000

A GEOLOGICAL CURIOSITY But the most remarkable example of the glacial period in this region is a huge bowlder resting on the brink of the Grand canyon, about a mile and a half below the great falls. It is very compact, a coarse, crystalline felds-pathic granite, in shape rectangular, the edges sharp and unworn, and its cubical dimensions somewhat more than 2,500 feet. It is within a stone's throw of the brink of the canyon, and rests upon a series of sheets of rhyolite, surely not more than 1,000 feet in thickness. In seeking the possible source of this rock one would naturally turn toward the south, the sources of the Yellowstone; but the great ranges to the cast and south are volcanic, and are not known to contain a single and are not known to contain a single exposure of granite rock. There are no such formations in the whole upper Yellowstone; for there is a total absence of granite pebbles on the shores of the lake or in the beds of the rivers. The home of this wanderer must be sought in the north, beyond the valley of the Third canyon, fifty miles away, and at the southern end of the Gallatin mountains.

Four miles from the northern border line Four miles from the northern border line of the park and just after passing the Second canyon going south is the famous Devil's Slide. It is a rosy, brown-colored shoot running from the top to the base of the mountain at an angle of about 30 degrees, and looks for all the world like a toboggan slide that has been generously sprinkled with cinnamon. At the top on either side rise two lofty minaret towars as wonderfully neight. minaret towers, so wonderfully paired in size, shape and outline that one might very well suppose they were constructed from a single model rather than being, as they are, the simple handiwork of nature. The slide starts from this point and shoots down steep grade, bringing up sharp and abrupt on the brink of the Second canyon, The Indians believe that when it thundered the evil one went plunging down this awful incline, pitching into the roaring Yellowstone at its base, and then by some subterranean passage within the earth mounted to the top again, and re-peated his little diversion until it ceased thun-dering. The lightning was caused by friction with the flery-colored roadbed in the devil's rapid descent.

A GARDEN OF EDEN. The Vailey of the Stinking Water is the most beautiful little garden of Eden on the North American continent. The title would seem to convey the impression that it is a bad smelling stream, of offensive oder and vile taste, as its name would indicate. On the contrary, it is a beautiful mountain rivulet of the clearest and purest water, but strongly impregnated with sulphur. On account of its peculiar odor it was named by the Bannock whose reservation was, a long time ago, the park, "Yuskinmaya Wicista," which translated into the vernacular signifies had water. Here it is that the few large game animals still left alive in the northwest seek a refuge from the ready rifle of the hunter. This beautiful country is the home of the This beautiful country is the home of the mighty elk. Here are to be found the brown species, the giant blue elk, and the rarest of all game animals, the albino elk. The snow elk is certainly the scarcest of the big game still left in our country, and until a short time ago was known to the white man only by tradition. The Indians have often spoken of it, but their statements were never credited. Now comes the proof in the seeing. A band of fifty was sighted in the Stinking Water country by a party of hunters last February, and, although they were pursued for two days and a night by the indefatigable mountaineers, yet did they fortunately succeed in escaping the deadly bullets of the pot hunters. They finally made their escape over into the They finally made their escape over into the National park, where they were safe from

pursuit.

Just across the western boundary in Idaho Just across the western boundary in Idaho is the lovely Henry lake. Before it is too late this beautiful sheet of water should be preserved from destruction. It is situated on the public road built by the government, leading from the upper geyser basin to Virginia City. This lake is the headwaters of the Henry's fork or Snake river. Snake river, followed throughout its course is truly a Henry's fork or Snake river. Snake river, followed throughout its course, is truly a river of rapids. For three miles above the Shoshone falls it flows through infimense caverns with lofty basaltic walls on each side hundreds of feet high. At the Twin or Little falls the river is divided by an island, and the two streams rush over separate precipices and pitch into a pool 175 feet below. As viewed from the bluff, hundreds of feet above, the sight is grand; and as for looking up from below, the gorgeous panorama is too awful and tremendous to describe in words. Five miles below are the great falls where the entire river descends in one mighty sheet the entire river descends in one mighty sheet 210 feet. Forty miles further are Solomen's falls.—Fort Keogh Cor. Chicago Times.

Got the Laugh on Them. A neatly dressed colored man entered the gallery of the New York Stock Exchange reently, to look at the session of the brokers below. He leaned over the rail quietly and made no disturbance; but some of the brok-WICHITA, KANSAS.

ers, seeing him, thought it would be funny to insult their visitor by letting him understand that they knew he was black. So a score or more of them, not having anything better to do, began to sing jubilee songs and mimic the plantation dances. Their performance was very poor, but it seemed to amuse the colored man in the gallery, who stood at his post without any apparent discomiliare, and when the brokers were tired of singing and dancing, he gravely put his hand in his pocket and draw forth a ten cont vices which be these drew forth a ten cent piece, which he threw to the brokers as one would pitch a penny to a hand-organ man. Then he left, with the hugh decidedly on his side.—The Argonaut.

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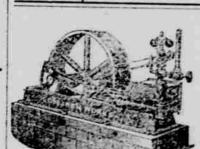
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